

REMARKS

This amendment corrects a typographical error in claim 5. Since this amendment corrects a typographical error, and does not change the scope of the claims, Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312.

Applicant notes that the Examiner's acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 does not acknowledge receipt of certified copies of the priority documents. Applicant submitted on July 17, 2001, a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-222670 (filed July 24, 2000). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority documents in the next communication from the Office.

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